

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Feb 51	2. LOCATION Galena, Ill	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT Not Given	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilians	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape like a "telephone Pole". Color was brilliant red. Size 300' long. Speed was not very fast. Alt not very high. ↗		11. COMMENTS Probably large meteor. Report says it was viewed over Wisconsin where it appeared to be blue.

Scared with Mr. [redacted]
astronomer. Believes it to
a fireball.

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New "Saucer" Reports Rise

"Telephone Pole" Flies Over City, People Say

GALENA, Ill., Feb. 4.—(UP)—
Mayor Ray Logan said today he
was flooded with calls from per-
sons who claimed they saw a 300-
foot long, brilliant red "telephone
pole" fly over Galena last night.

And it was only a "typical Sat-
urday night in Galena," the mayor
said, meaning that the revelry
wasn't so great that people were
seeing things.

The report in this northern Illi-
nois town near the Wisconsin bor-
der coincided with observations of
a brilliant blue flash, believed
caused by a meteor, over central
Wisconsin.

Witnesses here said the pole was
shaped something like a baseball
bat and glided noiselessly along,
not very high and not very fast.

Logan said "very reputable and
responsible" persons first called
him about the object, and that
since he has received numerous
reports from others here and in
communities to the north."

"The descriptions given me were
pretty much the same," Logan
said. "I'm still getting calls."

The police department said that
a half dozen motorists reported
that they nearly had accidents
when they saw the pole pass over-
head.

Witnesses said the pole first ap-
peared over a section known as
Irish Hollow and was brilliant red
in color.

Virginia Beadle, the local tele-
phone operator, said she saw the
object while on her way to work
and it nearly scared her to death.

Later reports said the pole was
green in color as it sailed north-
ward, and Logan said he received
reports from the north that it was
blue over Wisconsin.

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